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SVH Foundation's annual Club Crawl brought a rainy Saturday to a marvelous end with fine food and great entertainment. See Page 13.

REMINDER

It's time to "fall back" this weekend. Turn your clocks back one hour before bed this Saturday night to return to Eastern Standard Time.

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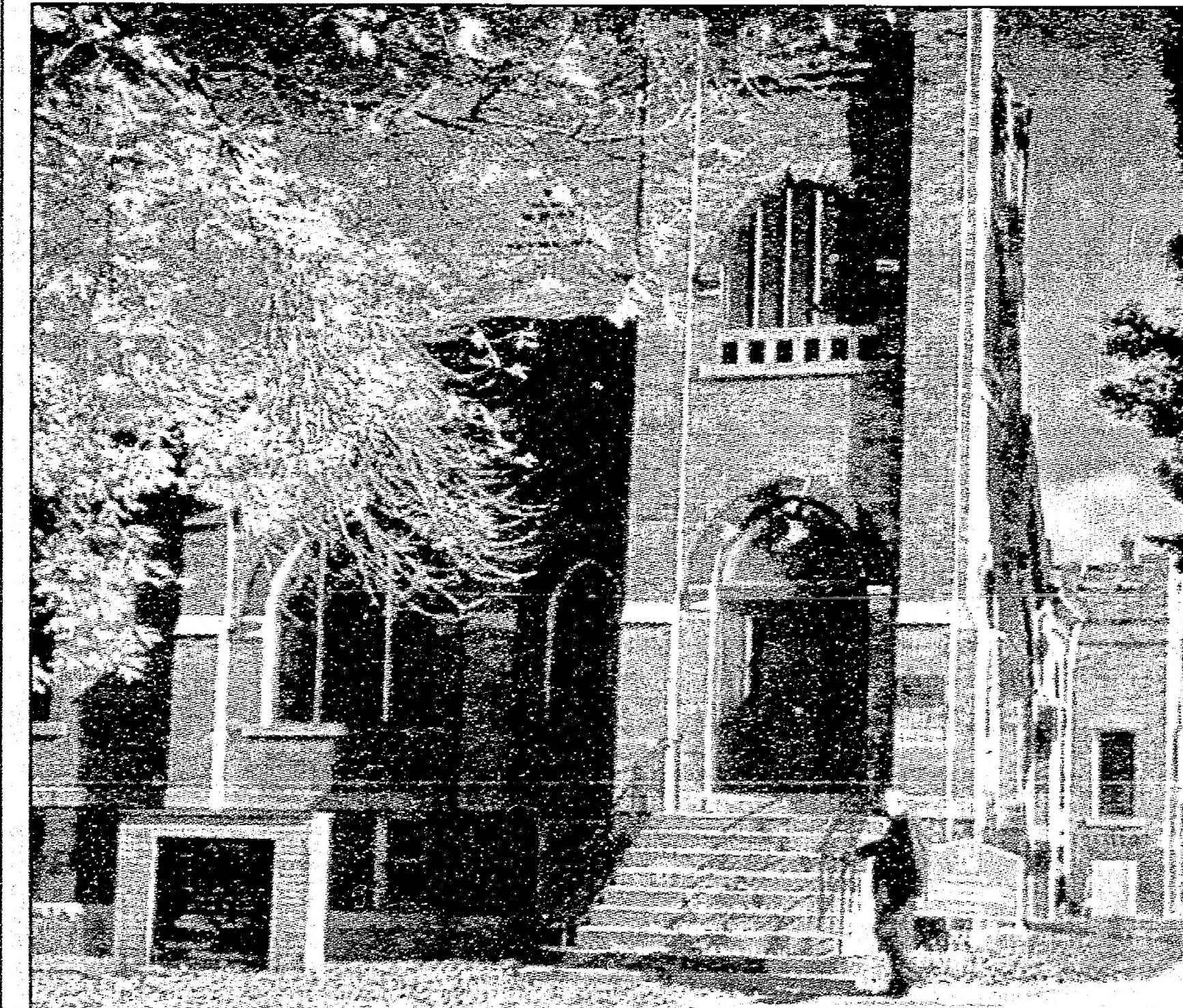


Area high school soccer teams gear up for WPIAL championship playoffs. See Pages 27-30.

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HISTORY



ST. MATTHEWS AME Zion Church has been included in one of Sewickley's Historic Districts by council vote. Photo by Laura Halleman

Church given historic status

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

St. Matthews AME Zion Church was granted its rightful place as part of Sewickley borough's Historic District No. 3.

Sewickley council voted unanimously last week to amend the historic district to include the church as recommended by the Historic Review Commission of the borough as well as the planning commission.

Located on the corner of Walnut and Thorn streets, St. Matthews AME Zion Church is the first African American Church in Sewickley and is the oldest one between Pittsburgh and the Ohio state line.

In 1857, the Rev. Daniel B. Matthews established a mission in Sewickley, with services held in a log structure on Centennial Avenue. Services were moved to another log structure on Walnut Street, and in 1868 land at the corner of Walnut and Thorn streets was purchased and a small church was built.

In 1912, the brick church, which houses the St. Matthews AME Zion Church today, was dedicated.

The parsonage is situated next to the church, facing Thorn Street. It is the original framed structure donated by the Christy family in the 1830s to the church.

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LEETSDALE

Minister lends support for teen activities

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

In response to concerns by some Leetsdale residents about drug activity in their neighborhood, a Leetsdale church responded in the form of a letter last week at the borough's monthly council meeting.

Because he was unable to attend the meeting, Leetsdale council president Linda Sovich read a letter written by the Rev. Walter Pietschmann of the First United Presbyterian Church of Leetsdale located at 200 Broad St.

"... we at the Presbyterian Church are concerned about the real and perceived dangers that exist," wrote Pietschmann.

The letter went on to state the church was open to suggestions that would lead to the implementation of ideas to "keep our kids off the streets."

"Our kids are our highest priority," he wrote.

Pietschmann's letter was in reply to resident concerns voiced last month that drug dealers and drug users were becoming a pervasive part of the area of Leetsdale borough where the church is located.

Leetsdale resident Emily Lowen told council members last month that her children, as well as others, were forced to endure illegal activity occurring near their school bus stop in the early morning hours.

Lowen had asked council to have a borough police officer at the bus stop during the morning hours; however, according to Lowen, an officer was only present at the bus stop the day after the council meeting in

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OPEN INVITATION

Program explores teen party scene

Youth Connect, a group of concerned adults from local public and private schools, churches and other non-profit organizations working with youth, kicks off its series of 2005-2006 events tomorrow (Thursday) with "The Teen Party Scene," a program discussing the realities of the drinking and drug use in the community.

The two-hour program begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Quaker Valley Middle School, 201 Graham St., Sewickley.

The program will focus on the youth party culture in the Quaker Valley region and seeks to increase adult understanding of the phenomenon and what can be done to help teenagers avoid risky behaviors.

Local teens and professional educators and counselors will talk about what really occurs at teen parties and what can be done to change behavior.

Youth Connect is a Sewickley-area community organization supporting the Sewickley Community Action Team (SCAT) and the 40 developmen-



tal assets that increase the likelihood that young people can avoid risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse.

SCAT is an organization of area students created to promote the health and well-being of their peers.

Youth Connect is sponsored by American Association of University Women of Coraopolis-Sewickley, Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, Quaker Valley School District, St. James School, Sewickley Academy, Sewickley Ministerium, Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District, Sewickley Valley YMCA and the Northern Alliance Against Highly

Addictive Drugs.

Youth Connect also has scheduled the following events at the Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District:

■ "Teen Health Issues: Risky Business" — with local physicians discussing the health trends of teens and healthy decision-making, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1.

■ "Life in a Pressure Cooker" — a discussion of the pressures of life and the stresses affecting parents and children, 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26.

■ "If I Could Turn Back the Hands of Time" — in which experienced parents reflect on what they've learned and what they would do differently, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23.

■ "The Transitional Years" — focusing on the experiences and anxieties of children entering a new grade or school and practical suggestions regarding the transitions, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

For information on the Youth Connect programs and events, call Alan Carson, guidance counselor, Quaker Valley Middle School, at 412-749-5098.

LEETSDALE

Council, church address area drug problems

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September.

Joseph McGurk, council member and public safety chairperson, said last week no police officer has been stationed at the bus stop but many adults and parents have been driving by the area routinely between 7 and 9 a.m.

"There was never a prostitution problem in the

borough as was stated by a resident, only a drug problem," said McGurk.

He added that within the last 30 days, no illegal activity has been observed.

Council is looking into adopting a nuisance ordinance that will be geared towards residents as well as property in the borough.

Some of the youth groups the First United Presbyterian Church is organizing include a Kids Clue Club, Junior Choir and Adventure Club.

COMMUNITY

Halloween parade set for Saturday morning

You can help

Last year the parade was enjoyed by more than 400 children who marched in the parade, enjoyed a snack and received a treat bag.

The Quaker Valley Rotary welcomes donations for this and its other community activities, such as the Santa Parade, Sewickley Harvest Festival and monthly and annual scholarships.

Make checks payable to "Quaker Valley Rotary" and send to Quaker Valley Rotary, P.O. Box 189, Sewickley, PA 15143.



SPOTLIGHT

Ghost hunters on call for paranormal investigations

Laura Halleman

Staff writer

For most it began during childhood.

Their insatiable desire to learn more about ghosts and paranormal research, and stories told by relatives regarding haunted houses led them to read book upon book on the subject.

"My religious upbringing kind of told me that, no, you didn't believe in (ghosts)," says Sarah Adams Hughes.

"But when I was 13 years old, my family moved into a house and I believed a ghost was there."

Their curiosity followed them into adulthood and led them to become members of the Pittsburgh Ghost Hunters Association (PGHA), which focuses on the scientific and psychic study of the unknown.

Founded in 2002 by Paul Hughes, PGHA is made up of nine members who investigate paranormal activity in and around the Pittsburgh area.

Hughes will be the first to tell you there is no school or college for the study of ghosts and the paranormal.

"We have learned pretty much through trial and error," he says.

Hughes also admits that often, while out on an investigation, nothing much happens.

"It can be very boring at times," he says.

But the times when things do occur are what make their efforts worthwhile.

When homeowners or others contact the PGHA, a preliminary investigation is done of the premises by at least two members.

Usually this involves walking in and around the area where paranormal activity has occurred and talking with those who live there to gain insight into what they are experiencing.

A "blind psychic" is then brought in



AT A recent meeting of the Pittsburgh Ghost Hunters Association, some members gathered at the Open Mind Bookstore in Sewickley to share their experiences. They are (from left) Paul Hughes, Darci Faiello, Georgette Cunningham, Paula Kalb and Sarah Adams Hughes.

Photo by Laura Halleman

during the official investigation.

The term refers to a member who has no prior knowledge of the preliminary investigation of the home or area.

During the investigation, a science team that records data through a variety of means joins the "blind psychic."

These include sound recording equipment, video equipment, digital cameras and electromagnetic field detectors.

"You should also always have pen and paper handy to jot down notes," says Hughes.

After an investigation is complete, association members sit down and compile their findings.

"After we are finished and if it is a home that we have investigated, you find that the people living in the house are not freaked out by our findings."

"Instead, they tend to take the information in and are pretty much relieved to find the phenomenon they have experienced is not a threat and sometimes our investigation leads to a lessening of the activity," says Hughes.

On Friday, Oct. 28, the group will

explore a home near Pittsburgh at the resident's request.

The investigation will take place on air, live, from 3 to 7 p.m. on 96.9 FM, WRRK.

The home that will be investigated has been dubbed "The Umbrella House" for reasons that association members will disclose to the public during the live broadcast.

More information on the ghost hunters association can be found at their Web site at www.pittsburghnewage.net/ghosthunter.

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BUSINESS

Barry Martin named to lead Gateway operations

Barry Martin has been named director of operations for Gateway Newspapers.

Martin formerly was director of sales, new product division, for Trib Total Media, of which Gateway Newspapers is a part.

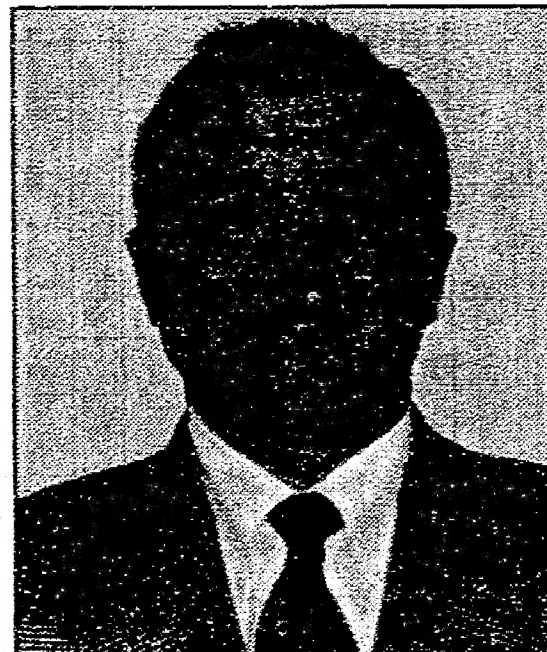
He will oversee day-to-day operations of Gateway's 22 weekly newspapers.

In 1999, he was group sales director, responsible for major accounts and pre-print sales for the Tribune-Review, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review and other company newspapers.

In 2000, he became general manager of the Connellsville Daily Courier.

Prior to that, Martin served in various capacities at the Observer Publishing Co. in Washington, Pa., including advertising director, assistant advertising director, sales manager and sales representative.

"I have known about Gateway's newspapers for a long



Barry Martin

time," says Martin.

"I have high regard for them and their importance in providing local news to communities."

Martin says his challenge will be to "take all the good things people do here and help bridge the common channels with our company's Trib Total Media vision."

NEW DATE: On Saturday, Oct. 29, children of Sewickley United Methodist Church and their friends will Trick or Treat for UNICEF, a tradition in its 13th year. The children will gather at SUMC after the Halloween parade at about 11:30 a.m. Kids will visit Sewickley, Edgeworth and Leet Township between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All children will be accompanied by an adult and carry orange UNICEF collection boxes. All children are invited to participate. For more information, call 412-741-9430.

Mustio appointed to Finance Committee

Rep. Mark Mustio (R-Allegheny County) has been appointed to serve on the House Finance Committee through the recently commenced Special Session on Property Tax Relief.

IN HARRISBURG

Mustio is one of nine legislators who received this special appointment from Finance Committee Chairman Rep. Dennis Leh (R-Berks County).

"When I was sworn into office in June of 2003, a statement was made that property tax reform was a top priority issue 22 years ago. Has anything changed," said Mustio.

"After hearing that comment, I committed myself to working to push the debate for real property tax relief for a vote.

"I am delighted with this special assignment because it presents me with a firsthand opportunity to play a role in delivering the equitable, sub-



stantive and lasting relief that Pennsylvania taxpayers have been demanding for more than two decades."

The Special Session on Property Tax Relief officially started on Sept. 28 and will run concurrently with the regular legislative session.

In an effort to address the property tax issue and move viable bills onto the House floor for a vote, the House Finance Committee has added five subcommittees for the duration of the special session.

The subcommittees will review all property tax proposals.

Mustio will serve on two subcommittees: one focusing on sales tax initiative and the other on alternative revenue sources.

On Sept. 27, Mustio's legislation to protect Allegheny County taxpayers from being hit with extreme tax hikes following countywide reassessment unanimously passed the State House and moved on to the Senate for consideration.

If enacted, House Bill 1743 would require Allegheny County municipalities and school districts to establish revenue-millage rates in the tax year following the reassessment.

After this revenue-neutral millage rate is established, elected officials must take a second vote to increase or decrease taxes, but any increase can be no more than five percent.

Any municipality or school district that violates these limitations would have to refund any excess taxes paid by property owners, with interest.

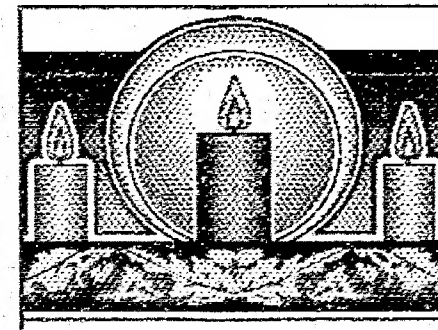
HISTORY

St. Matthews included in historical district

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history in its basement," said council member Reginald Bridges.

"We are very proud of having the church in our community."



Rosalyn Mitchell-Martin is the current pastor of the church.

Kevin Flannery, Sewickley borough manager, said the amended historic district ordinance would be submitted to the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission for review and approval.

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ELECTION 2005

Aleppo candidates make their bids

By Jon Paul Creece

Staff writer

In an effort to allow Aleppo residents an opportunity to familiarize themselves with candidates running for two seats on the township's board of commissioners, the Sewickley Herald asked each candidate three questions:

1) What do you hope to accomplish as an Aleppo commissioner?

2) How do you plan to accomplish your goals?

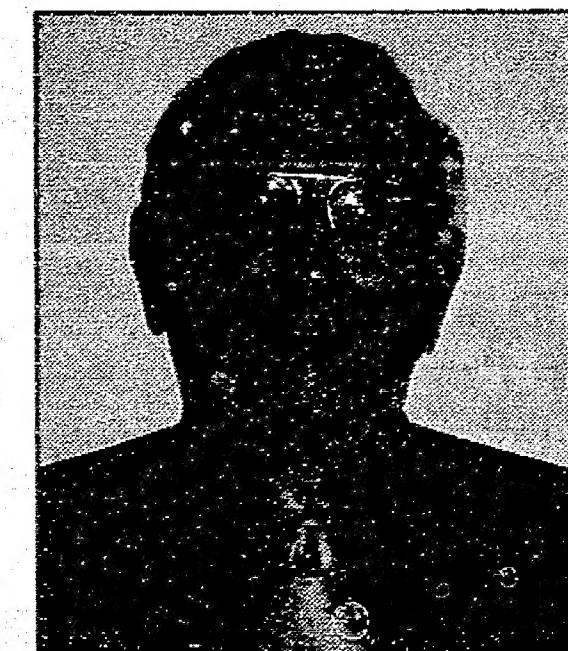
3) What are the biggest obstacles you expect to face while pursuing these goals?

Two commissioners, President Gloria Vish, and Carolyn Smith are incumbents running for another term.

Of the other five, two are on the ballot, Edward Beaman and Frank Bialek, while Drew Forsyth, Norma Gentile and Greg Smith are write-in candidates.

Vish and Carolyn Smith are also write-ins.

Following are all of the candidates responses.



Edward Beaman

Beaman is a retired superintendent of maintenance for Shenango Inc. and has lived in Aleppo for two years.

1) If elected, I would like to work for the sole purpose of returning professionalism to the Aleppo Township Board.

I think we should put together a brochure to show our potentiality and our forward-thinking and planning, such as repairs and upgrades to our roads, as they are the first impressions of the area, and assist in further developing the R.I.D.C. park.

2) In order to expand the township tax base, I would look

into real estate industrial developers who would, with the use of our commercial brochure, propose avenues to advertise and develop the R.I.D.C. park to its full capacity and teach or show us the best method to capitalize on the development in areas surrounding us, meaning the box stores planned at the end of Camp Horne Road and Route 65.

3) I feel Aleppo Township has lost its focus and agenda in the last few years.

All township time has been spent on in-fighting and lawsuits.

I feel the new board will have a monumental task to project to its citizens and neighboring communities that it is now in the business of progressing as a vibrant community with positive expectations for all who live, work and do business with and in the township.



Frank Bialek

Bialek is retired and has lived in Aleppo for eight years.

1) Aleppo Township is fortunate to have a variety of assets including under-developed space, a stable tax base, and committed citizens.

I would work to form a consensus of opinion among my fellow commissioners setting specific goals to allow Aleppo Township to move positively into the future.

Creating a positive attitude towards the established goals will promote their achievement and subsequent positive outcomes.

Examples of specific goals are the development of a comprehensive sewage plan and the sharing of resources and services with other municipalities in order to maximize the return

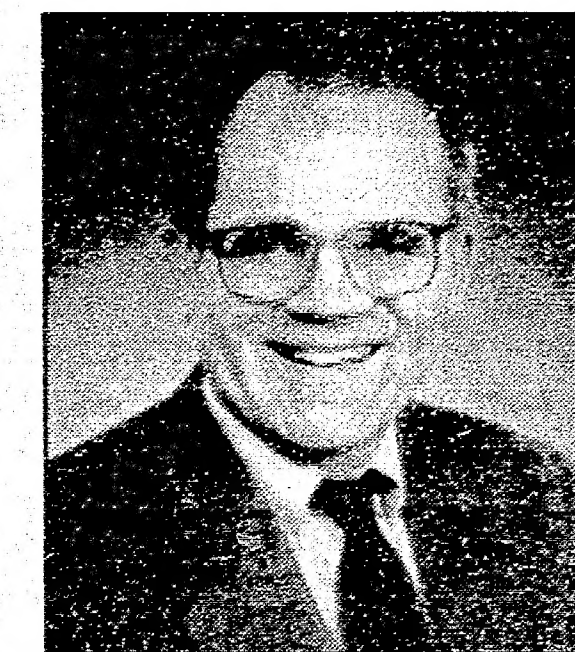
on Aleppo's tax revenues.

2) As commissioner, I would develop deliberate and realistic time lines for established goals. Following up on the time lines would be a top priority.

I would work to ensure the commissioners move towards the same goals. The board of commissioners' history of separate agendas, bickering and divisiveness cannot be perpetuated with the new board.

3) The biggest obstacle is falling back into a mind set that focuses on personal issues rather than working on the task at hand.

The board needs to be mature enough to ensure that township goals outweigh personalities and egos. Strategic planning, to include establishing short- and long-range goals based on an unbiased township needs assessment, will minimize the obstacles.



Drew Forsyth

Drew Forsyth is an attorney. He has lived in Aleppo for three years.

1 & 2) First, I would retain counsel to advise whether the township may recover the nearly \$500,000 lost because lawyers purposely gave the township incompetent advice to generate fees for themselves.

I understand the residents are tired of lawsuits, but this matter has merit and should be reviewed.

Second, I would return to negotiations with Sewickley Borough as soon as possible for police protection and enforcement of township ordinances that cannot now be accomplished by the State Police, who do not conduct patrols and can-

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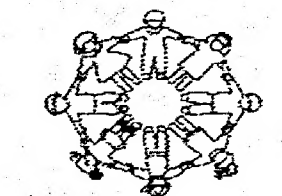
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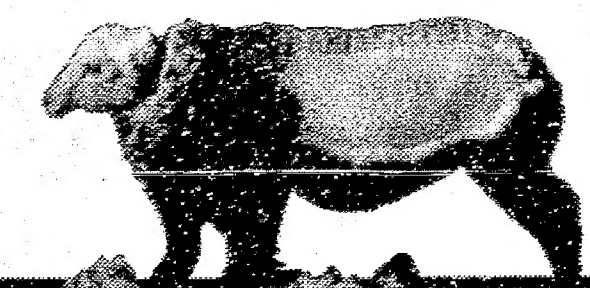
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VILLAGE VOICES

What's the most unusual Halloween costume you ever wore?



JULIA SPONSELLER
Sewickley

"I was a unicorn when I was 7."



JESSICA FLAM
Edgeworth

"I was a green M&M back in the fourth grade."



C.C. GENSHEIMER
Edgeworth

"I was a joker playing card when I was 7."



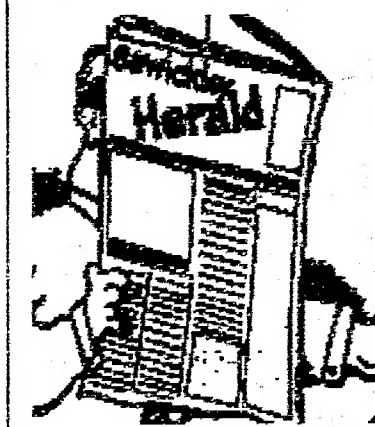
LAURA CIARALLO
Sewickley

"I was Medusa at the Beaux Arts Ball back in college."



JIM BARBUTO
Hopewell

"I made my own Terminator costume one year."



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ELECTION PREVIEW

Good government begins with thoughtful choices

By Dona S. Dreeland
Editor

There are 13 days to the general election. Do you know who your candidates are?

When we first left the May 17 primary, the results had few surprises.

Voters made their choices community wide:

In Aleppo, Republican candidates Edward Beaman and Frank Bialek tallied votes for two of the three seats open on the board of commissioners.

Bell Acres had four seats open and incumbent Marjorie Skrabut garnered the most votes against David Renfrew on the Democratic ticket.

In Edgeworth, four Republican incumbents — Beverly Poling, Paul Dimmick, Ivan Hofmann and Joseph Hoepf — earned community support.

Of the four candidates running for Leet Township council, Susan Barnes (D) and Carl Puglia (R) succeeded in their bids for the ballot.

In Leetsdale, Phil Perciavalle (D) and Sandra Kohlmeier (R) will vie for the tax collector position while Democrats Roger Nanni, Michele Maruca and Michael Montanile will run for three of four available seats.

In Sewickley, incumbents Susan Aleshire (R), Robert Hague (R) and William Cornman (D), as well as newcomers Jeffrey Waters (R) and Stan Ference (R) ran again.

The Sewickley Heights primary saw



the end of a long career for incumbent Evans Rose Jr. (R). With four council seats available, voters chose F.L. Brown, Barbara Clark, Robin Gallagher and S. Philip Hundley for their places on November's ballot.

In Sewickley Hills, Thomas Klixbull and Richard Laird were first and second on the Democratic ticket vying for two of the four council seats open.

On the Quaker Valley School Board, four members — Dr. Florence Iwler, Joan Murdoch, Marianne Wagner and Jack Norris — ran to serve another term. Deborah Miller's seat also will be open, so Dr. Kausalai Wijekumar will enter the race in District 1.

In the next two weeks, the Herald will profile the local races so voters can be informed to cast an intelligent vote. In many of the boroughs and townships, write-in candidates will make themselves known for voters' consideration.

We begin this week with candidates in Aleppo — all seven of them. From a groundswell of interest borne of frustration, a few residents have stepped up to offer their ideas and experience to township business.

Their stories begin on Page 5. Read on and discover grassroots politics at its best... and look forward to next week when the other challenges will be defined.

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VIEWPOINT

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republican party chair endorses three Aleppo candidates

Dear Editor,

The people of Aleppo Township have endured a couple of very trying years.

A budget deficit of \$350,000 due to the ever-expanding police force by previous boards and the related expense resulted in the elimination of the force.

The issues facing the township in the future are many and complex.

This year the residents of Aleppo Township get to voice their opinion on the actions taken by their elected officials.

By any measure, who is elected will have far reaching implications for all of Aleppo.

This year three seats are open for election, and what a selection of candidates to choose from.

Two incumbents are running for re-election. They were both deeply involved in our legal battles and did little to set the township on a positive course.

Does Aleppo Township need more of the same? I think not.

Three other candidates have declared as write-in candidates. One is a lawyer with no



experience relevant to running a township except in the area of

dispute resolution. By avoiding such disputes in the first place, we won't need him at all.

There are three candidates who recognize the need for Aleppo to move forward to solve the township's infrastructure problems and to take on important studies of regional cooperation. From different backgrounds, they all have gained in-depth experience in

personnel management, budgeting and successful strategic planning.

Since they have the time, dedication and experience, I hope the people of Aleppo will join me in voting for Edward K Beaman, Frank Bialek, and (by write-in) Norma Gentile.

David K Cranston,
chairman,
Republican Party of Aleppo

Watchdog group keeps focus

Dear Editor,

Many may be wondering if the battle against Wal-Mart is lost, particularly if you've been driving on Route 65 toward Pittsburgh lately and noticed activity at Dixmont, the site of the proposed big-box.

Has Communities First! thrown in the towel? The answer is a resounding "No!"

This battle is far from over — and our cause is still worth supporting. Before you conclude that we're unrealistic or just plain crazy, hear us out.

First, the really good news. Because of our efforts, the developers were forced to stop burning brush, which had billowed smoke and odor through the valley.

Communities First! urged residents to lodge complaints and made many calls to county, state and federal agencies. As a result the Allegheny County Health Department revoked the open pit incinerator, requiring the developers to chip and haul the brush.

Beyond this victory, Wal-Mart is still not a sure thing. Building this huge retail complex faces a number of hurdles.

• Traffic — We continue to challenge PennDOT on two related fronts:

1) We have appealed in state court PennDOT's decision to deny our 400+ members and supporters' legal standing, which we need in order to challenge the Wal-Mart traffic plan.

According to three highly respected constitutional lawyers, our case has merit.

2) Once we achieve standing, we will present solid technical evidence that the Wal-Mart

traffic plan is riddled with flaws. Our goal is to prove that PennDOT's approval of the traffic plan was improper.

• Grading — The only way this complex can fit onto the Dixmont site is by violating local grading ordinances, which can lead to increased flooding, rock and mud slides.

Kilbuck revised its ordinances to accommodate this project, an action we've challenged in state court. Although we were denied standing, the court indicated we could re-file our claim once the grading permits were granted. We fully intend to re-file.

• Sewage — This is a real headache for the developers, who must send their sewage through Emsworth's failed line, one that regularly dumps raw sewage into a creek flowing into the Ohio River.

We have notified federal authorities and continue to monitor the situation. Wal-Mart must resolve this before there can be any development.

OK, but what if Communities First! does NOT succeed? Even if the Wal-Mart is built, developers must comply with all permits and Communities First! intends to see they do.

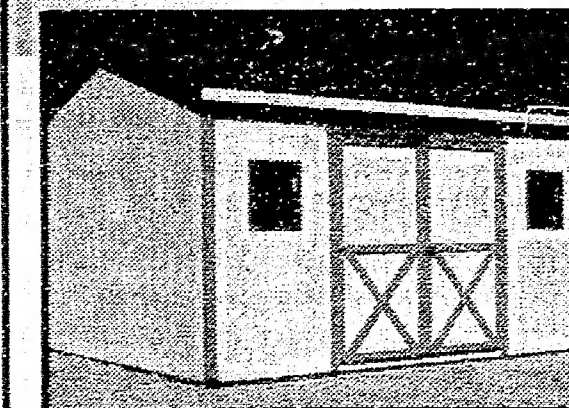
We will need to watch their every move so no rules are broken or corners cut, just as we've done with the open-pit burning process.

We still have a good chance of halting this development. It takes perseverance and energy — which we have.

Thanks, once again, for your past and continued support.

Mary Louise Fowkes,
co-chair, Emsworth

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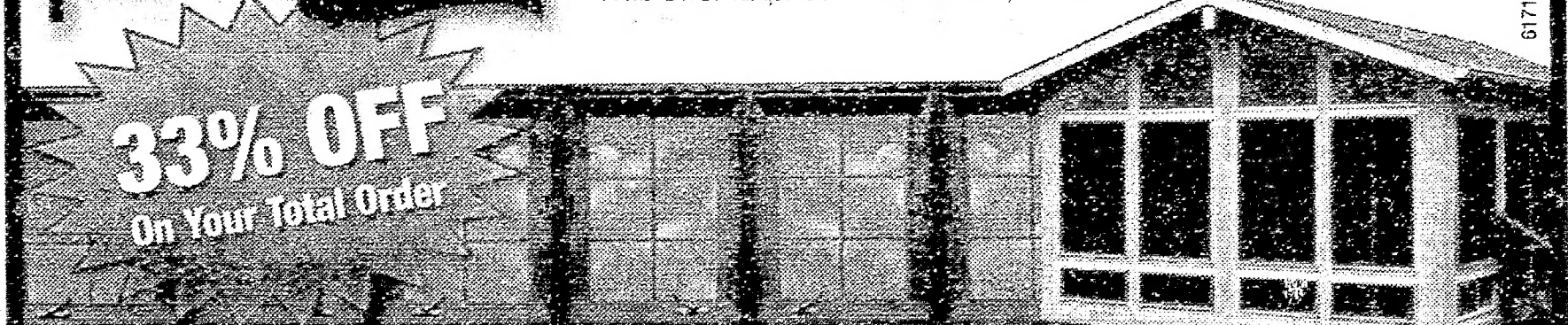
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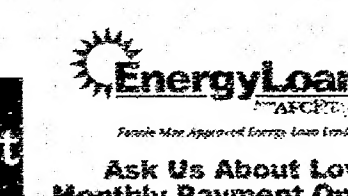
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Candidates offer solutions to Aleppo's problems

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not enforce local ordinances. There is no justification for this inaction.

Third, I would review the township's finances as a first priority to determine priorities in budgeting that have not been observed in the past.

In conjunction with this review I would schedule a 30-minute period at the beginning of each business meeting for citizen input, which has not been sought in the past.

Fourth, I would recommend a review of the township's land usage and zoning ordinances to develop a plan for further development.

3) I do not foresee any obstacles to these goals if current commissioners put aside the differences from the past.



Norma Gentile

Norma Gentile is a retired surgical services division coordinator at Allegheny General,

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has lived in Aleppo for two years.

1) Identifying the township needs, problems and assets will be my first priority.

I will develop a strategic plan with short- and long-term goals as well as develop time lines to help monitor progress.

Some of the challenges we must address will be water, sewage, regional services and building up financial reserves, getting federal funds and improving fiscal management.

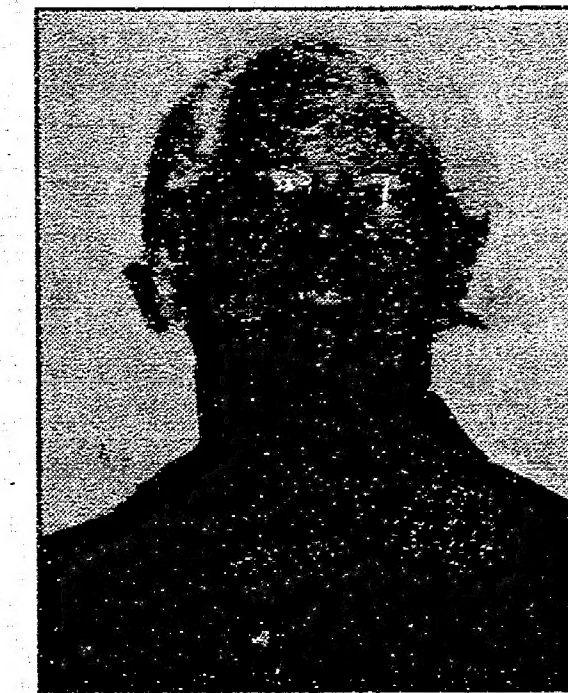
2) Team work is necessary. We all must have the same goals and work hard to achieve them.

I want to survey the residents of Aleppo Township to identify their assets (education and skills) and build a directory of these residents who may be willing and able to serve on special committees that will be developed and chaired by the commissioners and reporting to the president and the community.

3) The obstacles will be individuals who can only see and promote their own agenda, have poor communication skills and are not team players.

A positive attitude is necessary.

We will work together, and we will improve and excel as a township.



Greg Smith

Greg Smith, a retired business-owner, has lived in Aleppo for one year.

1) The first order of business is to regain the trust and confidence of the public.

I will demonstrate knowledge of the issues, a respect for others' points of view, courtesy and civility toward other council members and the public, and will encourage other members to do likewise.

If this is done by all, the council can work for common goals and move forward, rather than churning in place as it is now.

It is most imperative that litigation costs be curtailed. The status of the various lawsuits is unclear, as is the potential cost associated with them. These must be identified, planned for and minimized.

2) A true and accurate

assessment of Aleppo's financial condition should be both determined and reported.

It is totally unclear as to whether the recent lawsuits, following upon the 2004 disbanding of the Police force, have created a fiscal deficit for the community or not.

It appears that fiscal planning has been either unrealistic, short-sighted or incomplete.

I will work with whoever is appropriate to understand the situation, report it to the public and move the township forward in a fiscally constructive manner.

Planning for the future is the cornerstone of any organization. I will actively encourage the council to set goals and a direction for the township, whether it be financially, land use or other issues.

There is a potential for mutually sharing some services with the surrounding communities. An example might be police, public works or tax collection.

In order for this to happen there needs to be open, trusting relationships between the affected parties and a common interest.

I will reach out to our neighbors to try and resolve existing disputes and to explore the potential in sharing services.

3) Finally, none of this will happen unless council members subjugate their personal agendas and work for the common good. Democracy can be messy and competent at the same time.

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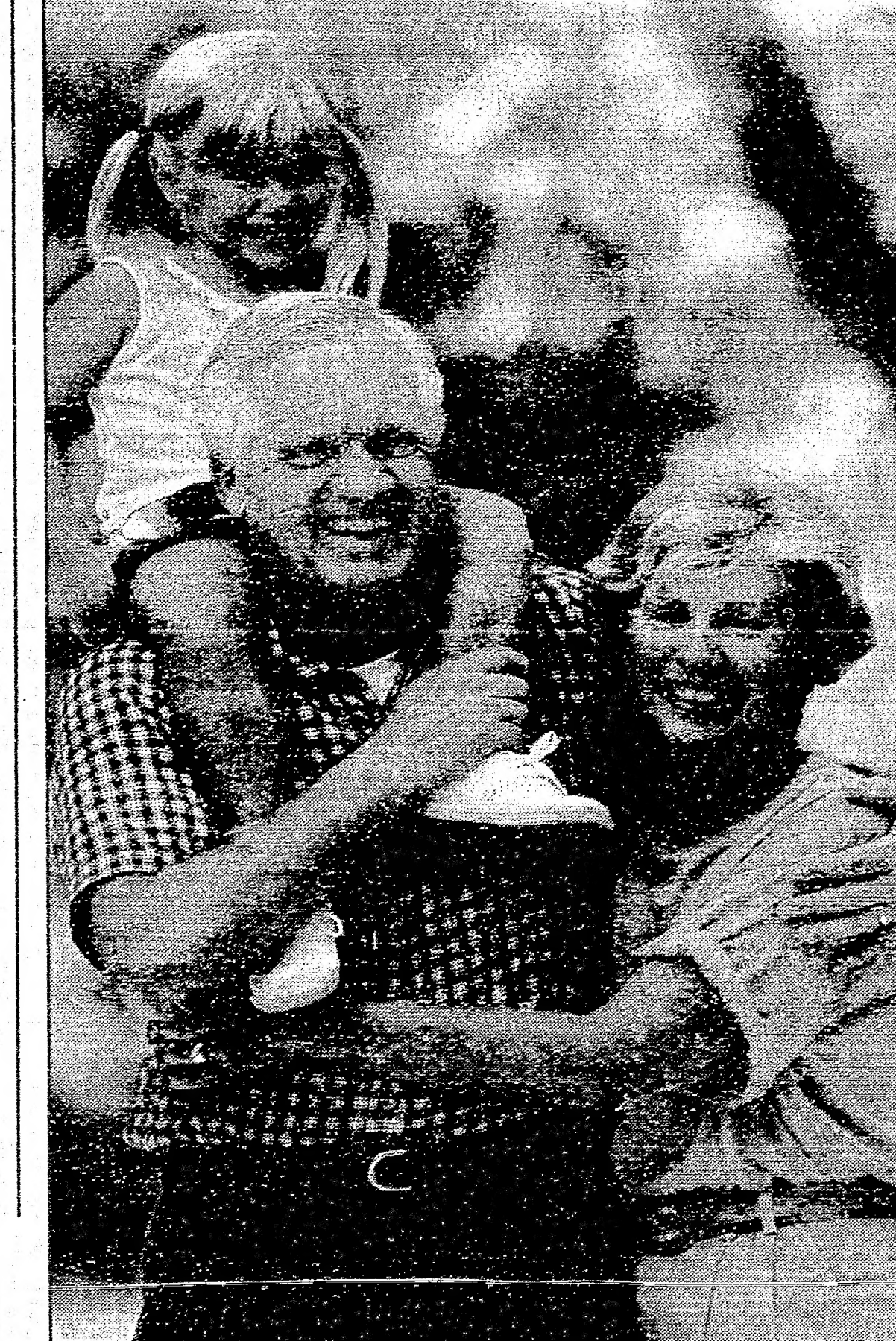
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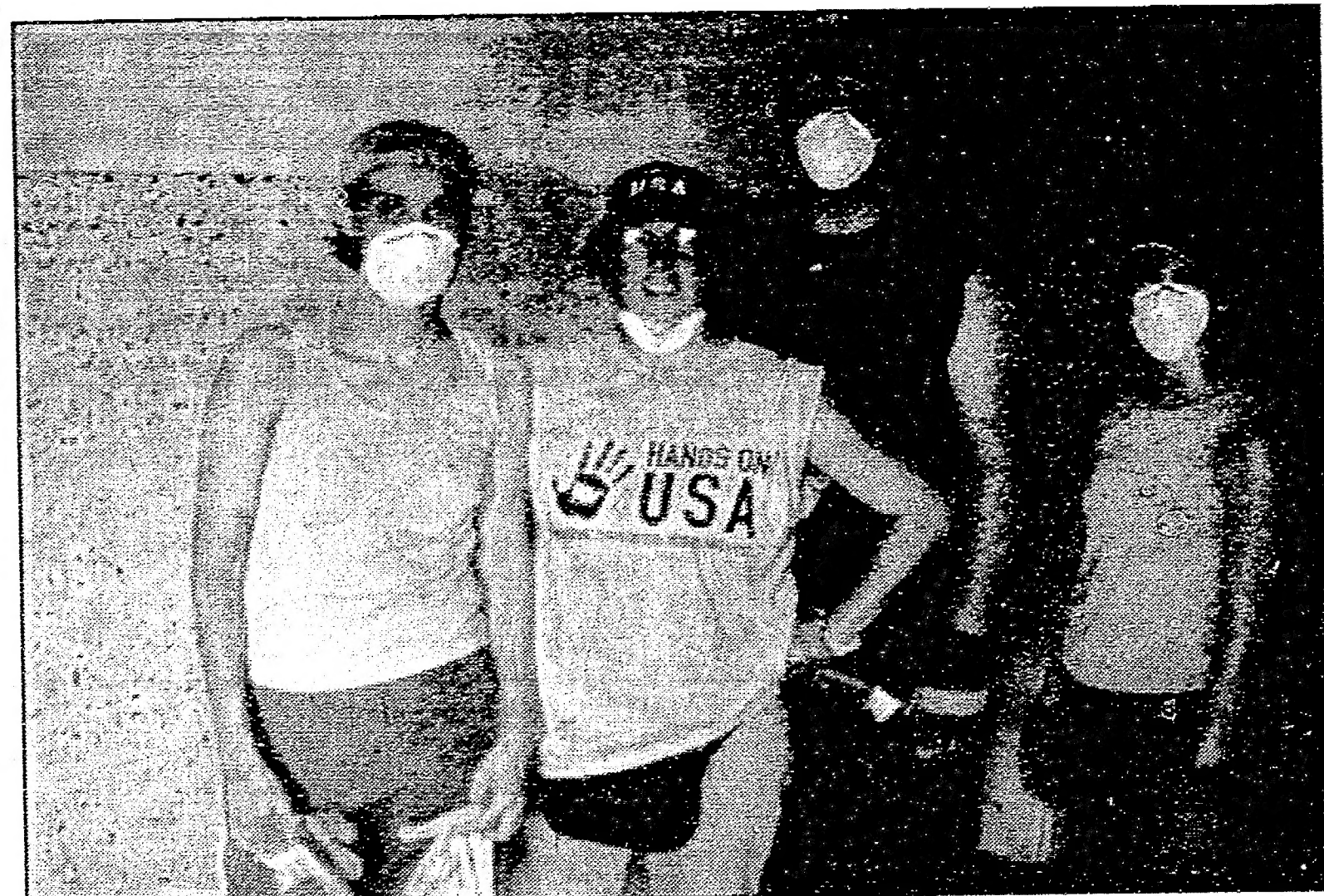
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KATRINA RELIEF



A WATER line from Katrina's storm surge is visible on a wall behind HOUSA volunteers — Laura, Linda, Alex and Tracey.



JOHN CHECKS over a list of supplies needed by a resident at Biloxi's Yankee Stadium. Photos by Laura Halleman

Volunteers get the job done minus red tape

By Laura Halleman
Staff writer

Sitting outside the command center of Hands On USA (HOUSA), volunteers trade in their work boots for flip-flops and unwind from another long, hard day of helping out on the streets of Biloxi, Miss.

HOUSA, a U.S.-based affiliate of Hands On Worldwide, which responded to the tsunami that hit Asia in 2004, is a volunteer-staffed, non-profit organization dedicated to timely disaster relief. Executive director David Campbell and operations director Darius Monsef oversee the organization.

For the local effort, Beauvoir United Methodist Church, located off Pass Road in Biloxi, generously donated its community hall for HOUSA use as a command center.

While some volunteers opt for the air-conditioning inside the center, it became somewhat of a ritual for many to sit on coolers, chairs or on the ground to relax and to exchange stories about their day in the field, reflect on their loved ones at home and share stories about their experiences with the residents of Biloxi who have lost so much, if not everything, to Hurricane Katrina.

Some volunteers join in the conversation while waiting for their turn in line for a five-minute shower that can't be beat under the circumstances.

Most wait for a hot meal to be pre-

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pared and served that rivals the MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) they hurriedly consumed for lunch out in the field.

All seem to revel in this part of the evening. The camaraderie is as pervasive as the humidity that hangs in the air. It is what keeps them grounded while destruction lies around them.

For now, this is their home away from home.

These volunteers are like family to one another. Although each is unique in his/her own way, every one has come to Biloxi for one sole purpose: to help.

While some moments are somber in the nightly conversations, humor is a welcome necessity. And these volunteers are a welcome sight to many in the Biloxi area.

Marianna, a mother of two from Oregon, had been watching the news reports on Hurricane Katrina and felt

helpless. She had tried to volunteer with the Red Cross and other organizations but was told no more volunteers were needed.

"One day I saw Internet information about a grass-roots group helping in Biloxi," she says. "I printed the page out and stuck it in my pocket. I had no idea how to approach my husband with the idea of me going to Mississippi. After all, we have two children.

"Anyhow, with my birthday coming up, my husband was telling me how lucky we were to be so happy and content and was wondering what he could get me for my birthday. So I pulled out the paper I had printed out and handed it to him.

"I guess I was thinking he might think I was nuts. He said, 'If this is what you want for your birthday, then let's make it happen,' and I got a plane ticket to Gulfport and here I am."

Alex made the decision to take a semester off from college to come to Biloxi. A tall, burly guy, he quickly earned the nickname "The Hulk" after one day on a work site, cleaning out sludge and debris from a vacant building for a church to use for its services.

The church was destroyed and a group of us went to the donated building after a request from the pastor came in for assistance.

As we went to work hauling debris out to the curb and scraping the sludge from the building, Alex was intent on

trying to find a way to remove a destroyed pool table from the building.

The consensus of the group was that it didn't seem possible to get the pool table out of the building in one piece. As the rest of us continued to scrub the walls and remove other debris, we heard a loud crash. There was Alex standing over the pool table, which was now in pieces, a huge grin on his face.

"I knew it could be done," he said. With that, "The Hulk" and the rest of us began carrying pieces of the pool table out to the curb.

Alex was not one to give up or to leave his fellow volunteers behind. Even while a team of us was assisting the Salvation Army with filling lists of residents' needs at Biloxi's Yankee Stadium, Alex again showed his tenacity.

As we loaded bags of cleaning supplies, clothing, shoes and toiletries for residents, I had gotten bogged down with finding the right size shoes for a woman and her children. It was well past lunch and the heat of the day was leaving its mark on us all. I told Alex to go ahead and get some lunch, but he refused.

"We came here as a team, we work together as a team and we'll eat lunch together as a team," he said.

And with that, he stayed behind with me until the shoes were found.

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KATRINA RELIEF



VOLUNTEER NURSES Carrie and Trisha take a well earned break from assessing medical needs of residents of East Biloxi. At right, HOUSA volunteers get together for a group photo after dinner inside the command center.



People band together in HOUSA grass roots effort

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Two volunteer nurses that embody the definition of the word "care" are Carrie and Trisha. Resilient in their efforts, these two women didn't wait for residents to seek them out.

Instead, they made their presence known early on after the hurricane hit, walking the streets with other volunteers such as T.C., and sought out those in need of medical care.

They went where no other relief agencies were in sight.

They visited the poor, hardest hit areas and assessed residents' needs, gave vaccinations, educated those in the area on self-care and often just listened to residents who needed someone to hear their story.

When I caught up with Carrie and Trisha one day, they were busy gutting the only remaining house still standing on a city street.

As we talked, they told of a home next door to the one they and others were working in. For some time, there had been a poster of a missing family nailed to a tree.

The home now was unrecognizable. The smell, unbearable.

Although everyone held out hope, the bodies of two young children were pulled from the house. The structure was deemed too unsafe to retrieve the

bodies of the parents.

Carrie's and Trisha's faces wear the pain of all they have seen.

"Many people in this area are still in a state of shock," says Carrie.

"They're living on a day-to-day basis. They are frustrated and nobody has been down here. The military won't even let the medic units in because they say it isn't safe to walk the streets, but we are doing it. Why can't other organizations?"

Even on a break, as they sit on the back of a truck, Trisha and Carrie are constantly glancing around them to see signs of anyone in need of medical care.

As a man comes riding a bike down the street, Trisha calls out to him by name and asks how he got the scratches on his body.

She immediately reaches for her medical kit and tends to him and is overheard explaining to him that he has to keep any cuts or scrapes clean so as not to get infected.

"There is such a sense of pride in the community," says Carrie.

"The vets are still flying their flags for the country, yet we see those same vets who went to war for their country sleeping in the dirt like a dog. It's not right. Something's not right with this picture."

Most volunteers usually return to

the HOUSA command center around 5:30 p.m. Not Carrie and Trisha. They are usually the last to return due to so many that need medical assistance.

And the list goes on and on.

There is "Alabama Mike," a jack-of-all-trades who cuts trees, clears debris and anything else asked of him. ... and Lamar, who helped build outdoor showers at the command center and a jokester who can make even the most serious of volunteers laugh, but who has a soft side, even though he would never admit to it.

... and Scuba, the tree-cutting phenomenon, and Tracey from Massachusetts, who walked into every work-site with the energy of a gladiator.

Mike, from Denver, flew in to Gulfport to volunteer with HOUSA. One day, a team of us went door to door to assess what residents needed.

As we stopped to help clear out a home, offer food or simply lend an ear, Mike put money into the hands of some residents, including an elderly woman on disability whose house was beyond repair.

It was his sense of humor that kept many of us sane throughout the days.

It is volunteers who man the phones, volunteers who run the nightly meetings, volunteers who assess the needs of residents in and around Biloxi.

It is volunteers who write out work orders to be completed, cook breakfast

and dinner, clean the command center, cut trees, tarp roofs, make contacts with local officials, care for pets housed at a local animal shelter, keep track of who is coming, going and arrange for incoming volunteers to be picked up at the airport.

The majority of these volunteers forfeited paychecks during their time in Biloxi, weighing their desire to aid those in need as more imperative.

HOUSA is getting things done in an area in need of immense aid and in an area where other relief organizations were glaringly absent.

My views on self-deployment have been confirmed.

I didn't need a course on mass care and bulk distribution, and I didn't have to sit through a video on how to respond to a disaster situation, although some might feel it necessary for them.

I just needed to respond, be flexible and work as a team.

HOUSA volunteers have no need for disaster manuals or "how to" classes. Their preparation comes from their hearts, as well as their desire to cut through the red tape and help whenever and wherever they are needed.

NEXT WEEK

Part Three of the series will focus on the encounters of caring along the way.

Commissioner responds

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Gloria Vish

Gloria Vish, an insurance claims examiner, has lived in Aleppo for 18 and one-half years.

1) I have served as a commissioner for 12 years, six of those years as president.

I also have served on the Quaker Valley Council of Government (COG), with three of those years as president.

I have a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Alliance College.

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I am a single mother and have three sons, two in college and one in high school.

I bring to the township a wealth of knowledge and experience.

The goals I hope to accomplish are to implement a new police force whether it be an Aleppo force or contract services with a neighboring community. I also would like to see the township move forward on the sewer plan and road improvements.

2) The only way to accomplish these goals is by a lot of hard work and dedication to the township.

3) The biggest challenge will be the board. The new board needs to be unified and put all petty differences and personal agendas aside and work for the betterment of Aleppo Township.

I feel I can bridge the gap between the new board and the old board.

Commissioner Carolyn Smith did not respond to survey.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Laughlin Center welcomes new directors

Sewickley residents Christa Oelhaf and Dr. Gail Mangan have joined Laughlin Center's board of directors.

■ Oelhaf was first introduced to Laughlin Center at its annual Yuletide in the Village open house.

"The feeling that night was so positive. Once I heard Laughlin Center offered a preschool, I had to investigate further," she said.

"My husband and I have since enrolled our children in the preschool, and are impressed with the experience they have had there," she continued.

Oelhaf is a registered nurse who works at Health South

Rehabilitation Center.

Her volunteer work includes Child Health of Sewickley and Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation.

■ A psychologist working at the Watson Institute, Mangan became acquainted with Laughlin Center while looking for a preschool for her oldest child.

"I had asked friends for suggestions, and Laughlin Center Preschool was highly recommended."

"My first call to preschool director Karen Borland was wonderful, she made me feel at ease and very welcome," said Mangan.

"I joined the board of direc-

tors because I feel very strongly that the center is a place where children discover their strengths and work on weak areas.

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Edgeworth: 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building, Beaver Road;

Glenfield: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park;

Haysville: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Ave.;

Leet: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Municipal Building;

Leetsdale: 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, Broad St.;

Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Osborne Elementary;

Sewickley COW: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30;

Sewickley: 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., both in Sewickley

Borough Building;

Sewickley Heights: 3rd Monday, 4:30, Borough Hall;

Sewickley Hills: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Rec. Building;

Quaker Valley School Board: Legislative meeting every 4th Tuesday, 8 p.m., QVMS.

Churches connect to present 'THRIVE' Nov. 12 simulcast

The Women's Ministries of Triumph Baptist Church of Sewickley and Christ Church at Grove Farm, Duff Road on Mt. Nebo, are collaborating for the first time to present the "THRIVE" Simulcast on Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The nationwide broadcast is presented by INJOY Ministries and features the following exceptional guides for the event: Valerie Burton, Elizabeth George, Florence Littauer, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Shauni Feldham, Liz Curtis Higgs, Carol Kent, Ruth Graham, and Les and Leslie Parrott.

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Tickets are available through Bev Whitlock at Triumph Baptist Church by calling 412-741-7619, or through Susan LeCornu at Christ Church at Grove Farm at 412-741-4900, Ext. 55.

The simulcast will take place in the sanctuary of Christ Church at Grove Farm, 249 Duff Road, Ohio Township.

Tickets must be purchased no later than Nov. 9.

ON THE CALENDAR



"THRIVE" COMMITTEE members are (from left) Beverly Peatross, Sherrie Okey, Pastor Craig Giles, Bev Whitlock, Sandra Hollins, Laura Doty, Jan Chamberlain, Vernice Vance, Susan LeCornu and Lucille Blair.

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The sale is sponsored by the Women of the ELCA and Thrivent Branch of St. Paul's.

For more information, call the church office at 412-741-8484, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, at 332 Elizabeth Street in Sewickley, holds Sunday School each week at 9:30 a.m.

Sessions are then followed by the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

Bible Study and Prayer Sessions are held at the church on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Church pastor is the Rev. Troy Sligh.

For more information on any of the programs, call 412-741-7688.

First Church

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, holds its Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday is titled "Everlasting

Punishment" and will open with a quotation from Isaiah: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

SUMC luncheon

Luncheon will be served Thursday, Nov. 3, at Sewickley United Methodist Church, Thorn and Broad streets.

Lunches are served in the Simpson Room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donation for the meal is \$6.

On the menu is the famous salad buffet with roll and butter, apple crisp and a beverage.

Luncheons are prepared and served by women of the church.

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Thought for the Week

How young a person are you? Are you a tired 30 year old or a vibrant 70 year old? A wise person once said that age is not measured by years. Nature does not equally distribute energy. Some people are born old and tired while others are going strong at 70...

"Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is the temper of the will; a quality of the imagination; a vigor of the emotions; a predominance of courage over timidity. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear, and despair are the long, long years of aging. Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the star-like things and thoughts, the unfailing child-like appetite for what is next, and the joy and the game of life. You are as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man and from the Infinite, so long you are young."

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IN MEMORY

Doug Masciola, 59, coach, educator

Douglas A. Masciola, 59, of Edgeworth, formerly of Robinson Township, passed away at his residence surrounded by his family on Oct. 17, 2005.

He was born in Stowe Township on Feb. 19, 1946, to the late Albert and Olga (Fatlasky) Masciola.

Dr. Masciola received his bachelor of science degree in education from Bethany College, his master's in public management from Carnegie Mellon University, and his Ed.D. in education from Duquesne University.

For 28 years, he served in the Washington School District in the capacity as a teacher, varsity basketball coach and lastly as the assistant superintendent of the Washington School District.

Most recently, he was superintendent of the Trinity School District, Washington, Pa.

In 1996, he was named in Who's Who Among American Teachers. He served as re-



Douglas Masciola

search chairman of Three River's Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Educational resource fraternity.

Loving basketball, he served as varsity coach in both Center and Hopewell School districts as well as assistant basketball coach at W & J.

He is survived by his loving

wife of 30 years, Janet (Abercrombie) Masciola; his sister, Sheila Tedesco of Pennsbury Village; his sister-in-law, Kathy Masciola of Bradford Woods; his niece, Lisa (Paul) Hladio of Bradford Woods; and his nephew, David (Becky) Masciola of Alexandria, Va.

He also is survived by his mother-in-law, Anne Abercrombie of Sewickley; his sister- and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Ken Jones of Cincinnati and James Abercrombie of Sewickley; his two nieces, Beth Jones of Cincinnati and Megan (Kent) Kelly of Columbus, Ohio; and a great niece and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Albert Masciola.

Memorial donations may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 51 Locust Ave., Suite 201, New Canaan, CT 06840.

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Elizabeth Brandt, formerly of Sewickley

Elizabeth M. "Libby" Brandt, 92, of Coraopolis/Sewickley, passed away on Oct. 20, 2005, at St. Clair Hospital in Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

Born on March 2, 1913 in Pittsburgh, she was the daughter of the late Herman C. and Frances (Priller) Brandt.

Brandt was a retired private cook and member of St. Joseph Church.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Ramona Sulkowski and her husband, Stanley Sulkowski, of Coraopolis.

She also is survived by Darren Campuzano, Dylan and Marah Hernandez, who knew her as "Gram."

A Mass was conducted at St. Joseph Church with the Rev. Scott Seethaler officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in the North Hills.

Memorials may be sent to TASH Inc., The Anna Seethaler Hospital, Oaxaca, Mexico, C/O Fr. Scott Seethaler, 221 36th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Henry Ferment

Born in Sewickley

Henry William Ferment, 49, of Zanesville, Ohio, passed away on Oct. 24, 2005, at Genesis Hospice Morrison House.

Ferment was born on May 22, 1956, in Sewickley to Andrew and Betty Lou Kretzler Ferment.

He enjoyed bowling and was a long time employee of

Kessler Sign Co., serving as administrative assistant to the company's vice president.

He is survived by his parents; a son, Carl (Shannon) Ferment of Erlanger, Ken.; a daughter, Robin (William) Francis of Zanesville; a step-son, Charles (Cristi) Beckett of Zanesville; three sisters: Melinda (Robert) Badger of Butler, Pa.; Cheryl (Brian) Chaberek of West Chester, Pa. and Andrea Ferment of Ashland, Va.; and seven grandchildren: Lucas Andrew Ferment; Ryan, Jenna and Kellie Francis; Bethany and Tiphani Beckett; and Eric Guilyard.

He was preceded in death by his fiancée, Dianna Beckett on July 8, 2003.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

QV Termite team unable to stop Southside Beaver

Story contributed

Saturday's tough, 18-13 loss to Southside Beaver dropped the QV Termites record to 4-2. Despite the score, the game was a hard fought defensive struggle. The game turned on a few big plays.

Southside Beaver got on the board first with a 60-yard run on only the second play from scrimmage. The Quakers struck back immediately with a long touchdown run by Jake Trovato, which was called back for a clip which occurred far behind the action. Later in the half, however, QV scored again, and this time it counted, when Jimmy Perkins broke free on a quarterback keeper from 25 yards out. The PAT failed, knotting the score at 6.

The teams were about to go into half time with the score tied when Southside Beaver completed a desperation pass which was carried in for a touchdown with no time left on the clock to take a 12-6 half time lead. Late in the third quarter, Southside Beaver extended its lead to 18-6, scoring on a 20-yard run on a mis-direction play.

The Termites kept fighting however, and with less than a minute to go, Jimmy Perkins strung out the defense until the last possible second before tossing a short pass to Christian Miller who out-raced the Southside Beaver defense to the end zone. Jake Trovato converted the PAT to close the gap.

With little time left on the clock, QV attempted an on-side kick which very nearly succeeded. However, a Southside Beaver player won the race to the loose ball. QV had only one time out remaining, and Southside Beaver was able to run the clock out by taking a knee, dealing the Quakers the painful loss.

Austin Braksick had a strong game, including a stellar diving catch.

Jimmy Perkins also made several clutch plays, and Jake Trovato had several outstanding runs from the line of scrimmage.

Rocco Brown and his fellow QV linemen, Keeses Eling, Ryan Dickson, Joost Eling and Johnny Bernard also played an excellent game.

Players of the game were Aaron Cunningham, who helped contain the Southside Beaver running game all night, and Lucas Guggenheimer who repeatedly stopped Southside Beaver's outside running game.

SPORTS

WPIAL Champs



THE QUAKER Valley Girls' Tennis Team (above) defeated Sewickley Academy in the WPIAL team finals. Cate Stewart (QV) d. Emily Urda (SA) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. Gabrielle Cantanzariti (SA) d. Sarah Richman (QV) 7-5, 6-2. Molly Findley (QV) d. Rachel Lenchner (SA) 6-2, 7-5. Kaitlin Wolz & Lindsay Toth (QV) d. Anna Zappala and Tara Sundar (SA) 7-5, 6-2. Julia Sponseller and Marion Joy (SA) d. Brittany Hulings & Danielle Piccolo (QV) 6-3, 2-6, 4-7.

Photo contributed

GIRLS' SOCCER

Sewickley girls on path to success

Lady Panthers are finding cohesion after rocky start to 2005 regular season

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Everything is going according to plan for the Lady Panthers. Despite a rocky start, losing seven of their first thirteen games, the 2004 WPIAL champions are exactly where head coach Jessica Peluso wants them.

"I think the last few weeks we've been working well together," she says of the team. "The goal was to start peaking when the playoffs began."

"I feel we are in the place we want to be," she says. "We have a lot of girls in new positions, and they are starting to gel."

And though the Lady Panthers were upended 0-1 by Peter's Township in the

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MAGGIE SUTHERLAND (right), a key Lady Panther defender, practices her shut-down techniques earlier this year during a practice at Nichols Field.

Archive photo

Lady Quakers plan for WPIAL redemption

By Jon Paul Creese
Sports editor

The good news for Kristin Steffey and her 13-5-2 Lady

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ing one of their most successful seasons to date.
The not-so-good news came when they learned they would

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AMY DOMINGUEZ (left), junior forward, and Jessica Kaye, junior midfielder, scrap for possession during practice earlier this season. Archive photo

face the Lady Bobcats in the first round of the WPIAL Class AA Girls' Soccer Championship playoffs Monday.

"Their desire to move past the first round [makes them dangerous]," Steffey said. "Beaver is always a competitive team in their section, and I know they will have a lot of motivation to move beyond the first game.

Now, it's up to the Quaker girls to play their A game and prove they want it more.

Steffey said the Lady Quakers will be competitive as long as they are capable of maintaining their focus and intensity.

"We cannot afford to have an off game," she said.

Steffey capitalized on a week-long break in a busy schedule to address that and other issues in practice.

She said the girls are

responding well.

"Our practices have been very productive," she said.

"We've really been able to focus on some specific weaknesses and I think it will benefit us going into the playoffs."

Steffey also said the team is in good health, except for one of the players, Anna McGroarty, a junior midfielder, who has been out with an illness.

Steffey, in her second year as head coach, hopes to guide the lady Quakers to the gold this year, after being knocked out of the running in the quarterfinals by Center 3-0 last year.

"I think that there are a number of teams capable of winning the gold this year," she said. "Whoever hopes to finish on top, ourselves included, will have to bring their best game every time out. We are excited for the opportunity and look forward to the start of the playoffs."

BOYS' SOCCER

Quaker Valley boys focus on controlling tempo

Quakers ready to take down West Shamokin

By Jon Paul Creese
Sports editor

The 2005 Quakers, undefeated in regular section play, have a proven ability to win in a clutch. They took Class AA Moon out 4-2 earlier this year even after losing midfielder Tommy O'Donnell to a hip injury.

And, although they will need to perform at their best to advance to the finals, they probably would not have had to rely on anything extra to come out ahead Monday against 7-10 West Shamokin in the first round of the WPIAL Class A Boys' Soccer Championship playoffs.

But head coach Gene Klein was not getting ahead of himself. He knows the Wolves, who barely captured a playoff berth, will see this as a golden opportunity.

"I'm sure they will be highly



ADAM MONTEVERDE, junior forward, rushes to follow up on a goal attempt during a game against Our Lady of Sacred Heart. Archive photo

motivated," Klein predicted of the Wolves. "They will come in with the attitude they have nothing to lose and will try to

disrupt our tempo. "We need to stay focused the entire game with no lapses," he said. "We need to remain

Sewickley boys look to beat Trinity and advance to WPIAL quarterfinals

By Jon Paul Creese
Sports editor

The Falcons took the Panthers out of the PIAA semifinals last year, but the Panthers bounced back this year, defeating them 2-1 in a close regular season match.

Monday the stakes were higher as the Panthers were looking to come out on top in the first round of WPIAL championships.

"Trinity has been PIAA runner up two years in a row," acknowledged Sewickley head coach Uwe Stender. "They are a determined and proven winner. The Panthers have to match and exceed Trinity's intensity and wear them down."

If they can accomplish that, the Panthers will advance to face the winner of Shadyside Academy and Chartiers Houston (Tuesday).

Stender said the boys have the ability; they need to find the will.

"We have a lot of talent on this team," he said. "Sometimes during the season the players have not played with a high amount of passion. If they do play with passion, they can win every game." Stender reported minor injuries, but none that will affect the team's performance.

Advancing to the finals, at this point, he said, depends on their determination.

"If we play with passion and intensity every game for 80 minutes, [we can win the title]," he said.



BOBBY O'DONNELL, freshman, is congratulated after scoring against the Moon Area Tigers. Archive photo

disciplined and most importantly, battle as a team."

One thing Klein knows after winning six state titles in twenty-four years is how important it is for the boys to stay motivated.

"It will be very important to play with heart and to be strong mentally," he explained. "There is always extraordinary challenges you must face in the play-offs and skill alone does

not win championships."

Fortunately, the Quakers are physically healthy, and Klein said O'Donnell should be ready for action.

"O'Donnell is back," he said. "He is not quite 100 percent, but he should be ready."

Depending on Monday night's results, the Quakers will advance to play the winner of Center vs. Riverview.

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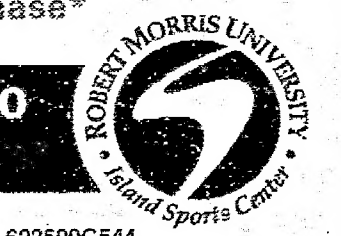


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CORRECTION: The above photo ran in last week's Sewickley Herald. The caption should have read: Ashley Kostial, Quaker Valley freshman, wins a battle for possession against Sewickley Academy senior midfielder Alex Bellay during a rivalry match. We apologize for the error and hope it did not cause any inconvenience.

Archive photo

Lady Panthers gear up for WPIAL first round

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regular season final, they have proven their peak, winning five and tying one of their last seven games against tough competition like Shadyside Academy (2-0 SA) and Quaker Valley (0-0).

Peluso says other than defeating Freedom in the first round Monday, the Lady Panthers need to continue working on passing and finishing the ball to be successful throughout the playoffs.

"I think our strength is our teamwork," she says. "We don't really rely on one player to be well balanced."

"If we continue to play together on defense, and have fun [we'll do well]," she says.

Only one major injury is

"We have some minor injuries, but they will all be back for the playoffs."

— Jessica Peluso, head coach

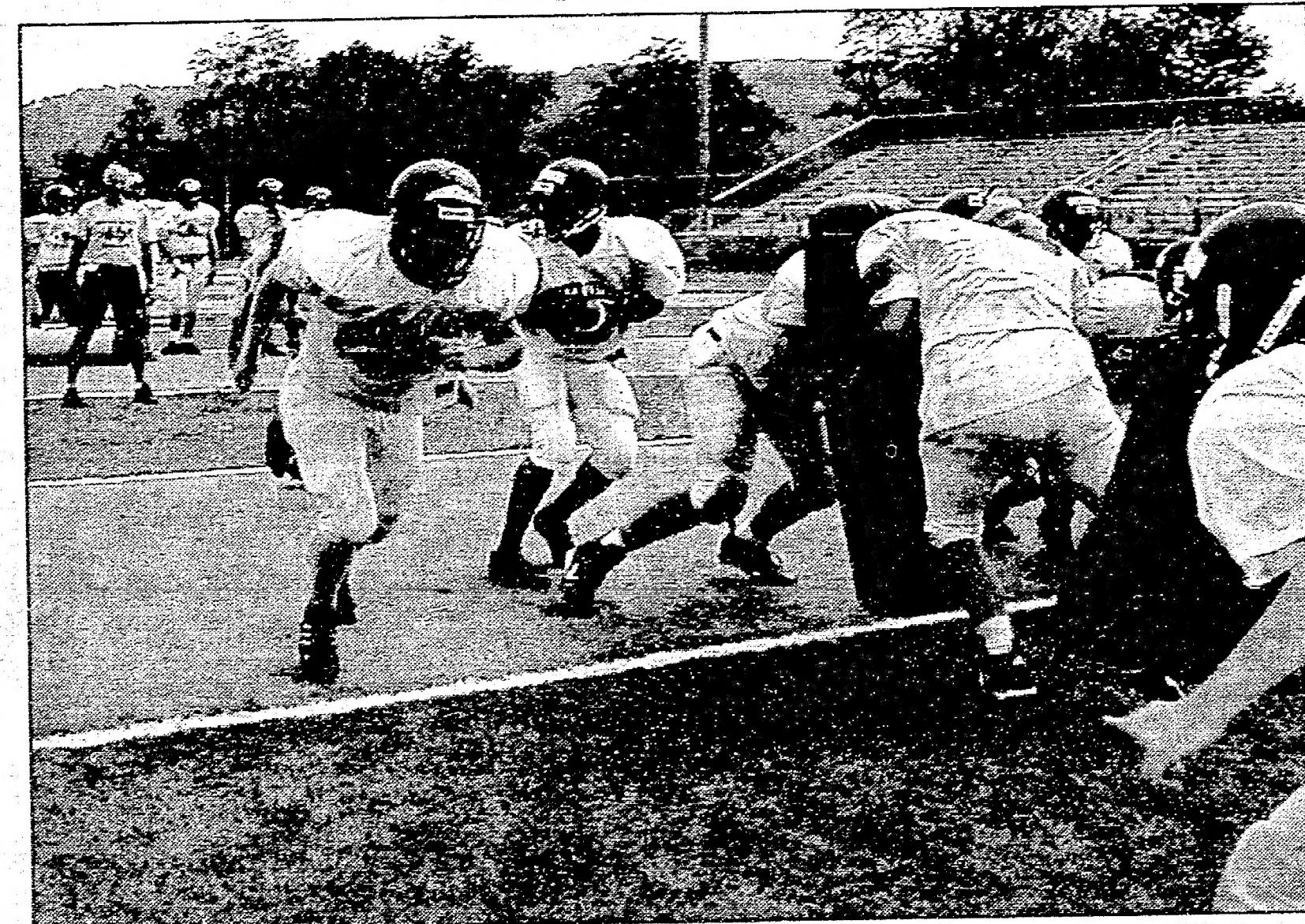
affecting the Lady Panthers as they enter their fourth consecutive playoff appearance.

Freshman starter Taylor Bungo is out with a torn ACL in her knee.

"Other than that, we have some minor injuries, but they will all be back for the playoffs," Peluso says.

Depending on Monday's results, the Lady Panthers will take on Burrell or Jeanette tonight, if they make it passed Freedom.

Down Again



THE QUAKERS run drills during a pre-game warm-up earlier this year. The school suffered another setback Friday night, losing 39-14 to New Brighton. The final scheduled regular season game brought the Quakers record to 1-8. They face 0-9 Cornell at home this Friday for a final season scrimmage, after avoiding a playoff berth once again.

Archive photo

Quakers fall to New Brighton, head coach Parker unresponsive

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

With head coach Art Parker effectively wielding the fifth amendment (he has not returned calls for more than a week), it's hard to imagine what is going on with his football team.

But his silence is hardly surprising.

The Quakers, who went 0-9 under Parker's leadership last year, fell to New Brighton 39-14 in their final regular season game Friday, bringing their record to a dismal 1-8.

"It was mostly a few big plays," said assistant coach Jeff Besong of New Brighton's victory Friday.

"That's been the story all year."

Scoring for the Quakers were Darren Rogers, senior quarterback, with an interception he carried 42 yards for a touchdown, and Phillip Diemert, who took the ball four yards for a score.

But the Quakers failed to stave off a blistering New Brighton offense.

"New Brighton started to roll," Besong said, noting their star back, Eric Walker, ran for 225 yards and three touchdowns.

Besong, who took over the junior varsity program last year and led the team to their first winning record in years, said the varsity team should come through with one more

win this season against Cornell.

"We put the JVS in [against New Brighton], and they did well," Besong said.

The junior varsity players will most likely see some more action during the exhibition game scheduled for Friday night at Chuck Knox Stadium.

"We're definitely better than Cornell," Besong said, noting that the QV varsity team played better this season also.

"We've taken a step toward bettering the program," he said.

The Quaker Valley junior varsity team ended the season with a successful 5-1 record.

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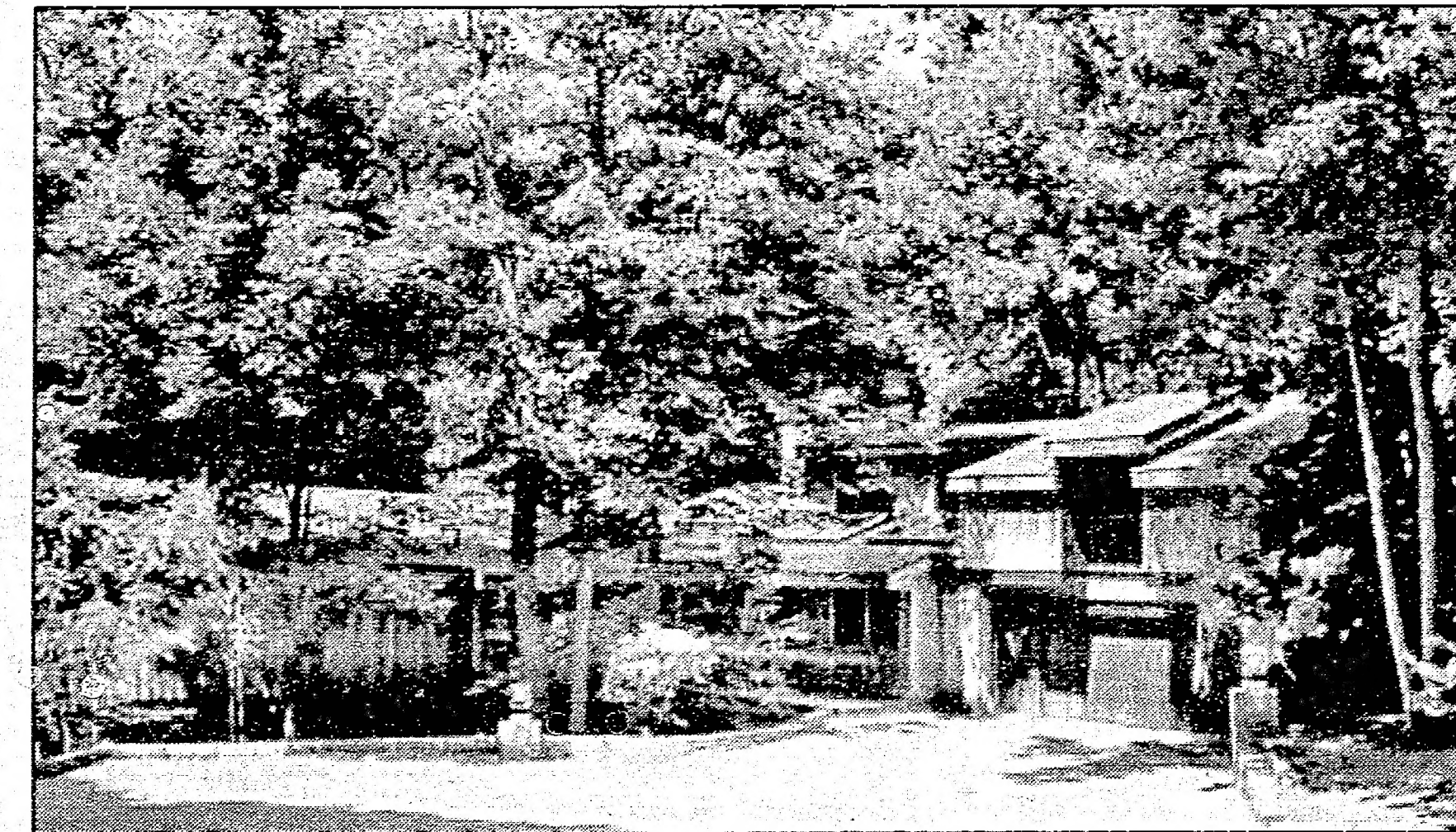
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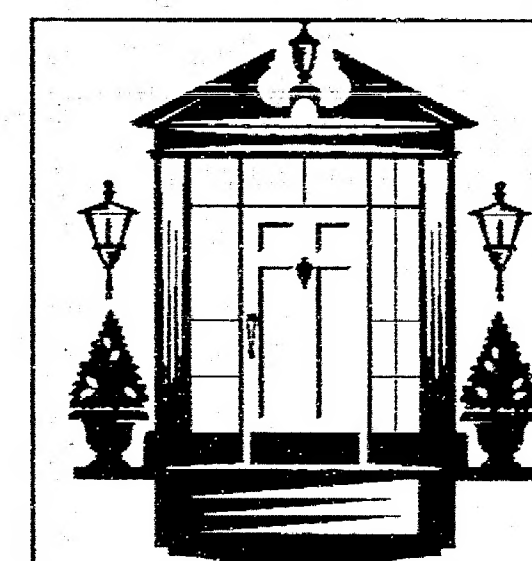
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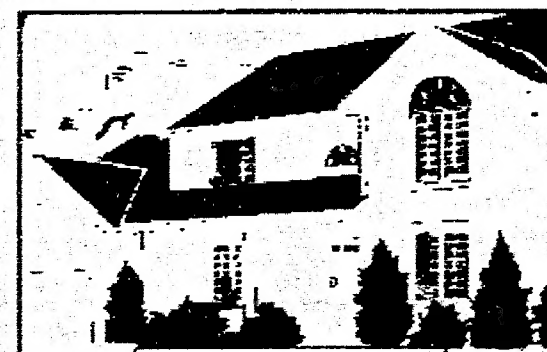
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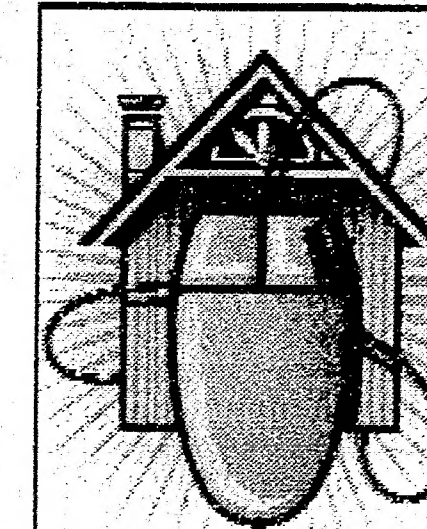
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<p>SEWICKLEY</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>310 Peebles St. - Exquisitely maintained Village Victorian offers historic interest and is a well preserved example of the Italianate style with 12' ceilings, decorative moldings and original woodwork. Bright and spacious with a large living room, handsome formal dining room, equipped kitchen, family room and den. There are 5 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wonderful, level lot with beautiful plantings. Detached garage. Dir: Beaver St. to Peebles St. \$470,000.</p>	<p>BELL ACRES</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>"Charleston Square" - This inviting new neighborhood offers beautiful lots with 300 frontage and 2+ acres. There is one model home available and one is under construction. Don't miss your opportunity to build the home of your dreams in this wonderful location! Only 10 lots left! Minutes to historic Sewickley Village. Quality builders include William Minton and Sons, Bechman Builders and Handicraft, Inc. Dir: N. on Beaver St., R. Campmeeting Rd., L. into Charleston Square. Packages from the \$700,000's.</p>	<p>EDGEWORTH</p> <p>This inviting brick ranch style home is situated on a pretty treed lot just outside the Village area. Features of this home include a large living room, dining room, nice sized kitchen, 3 bedrooms and a den. There is also a newer roof, windows and mechanicals. Easy access to shopping, schools and transportation. \$198,000.</p>
<p>LEET TOWNSHIP</p> <p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>Located in "Old Sewickley Highlands", this handsome brick Colonial is only minutes from Sewickley Village. Features of this fine home include a spacious living room with an inviting fireplace, formal dining room, an updated kitchen with a breakfast area, family room with a fireplace and a den on the first floor. The lower level provides a game room and office area. There are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Very large and well landscaped lot. 3 car garage and rear patio. Beautiful area. Now \$495,000.</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>Schedule an appointment to see this wonderful "clinker brick" three story home located conveniently in the Village area. Features of this interesting home include a charming entry which leads to a large living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen and family room. There are 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Inviting patio and 2 car garage. All of this tucked away on a wonderful lot offering seclusion. \$450,000.</p>	<p>AMBRIDGE</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>706 Park Rd. - This three story brick Victorian style home is located across from the park and offers easy access to schools, shopping and transportation. Features include a large living room, formal dining room, good sized kitchen, 5 bedrooms and 2 full baths. There is also new siding and new windows. Many updates Dir: Rt. 65 to 8th St., R. on Park. \$87,900.</p>
<p>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP</p> <p>Exceptional town home located on a pretty cul-de-sac and bordered by woods. The living area includes large living room, formal dining room, wonderful eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace and a first floor master suite with a remodeled bath including hardwood floors, granite counters and a large shower. There are two additional bedrooms and a den on the upper level. Large deck off the family room. 2 car integral garage and much more. \$369,000.</p>	<p>SEWICKLEY</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>Luxury penthouse co-op located conveniently in Sewickley Village. This spacious unit offers a very large living room, dining area and kitchen. There are 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wonderful closet and storage space. Covered balcony. Security building with elevators and indoor parking space. Easy access to party room and laundry area. Call for an appointment. \$265,000.</p>	<p>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP</p> <p>This well maintained ranch style home offers great space and a beautiful lot just minutes from the Village. Features of this home include a large living room with a fireplace, a separate dining area, eat-in kitchen, family room and 3 bedrooms. There is an integral garage and much more. Call for more information or to arrange an appointment. \$179,000.</p>



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<p>308 THORN STREET</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>A wonderful restoration, in the heart of Sewickley, from the front porch to the third floor. Beautifully restored, patterned, hardwood floors. Gracious entry with open stairway, formal living room and dining room, new kitchen and powder room. Versatile bedroom arrangement with up to six bedrooms, some of which could also be used as a den or office. Great front porch and fenced yard. Side driveway with room for three off-street parking spaces. Easy to show, call today.</p> <p>Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$449,500</p>	<p>117 SEBAGO LAKE DRIVE</p> <p>Spectacular golf course views from this handsome town home. Towering main level great room with a fireplace, formal entry, open stairway and separate dining room. Fully equipped kitchen. Three bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms including the master suite and bathroom with jet tub and walk-in closets storage. Finished lower level family room with level outdoor access. A great home waiting to be yours.</p> <p>Linda Taylor 412-741-2200 \$374,900</p>	<p>305 EDGEWORTH LANE</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>A completely remodeled, two story Colonial in the heart of Edgeworth, offering the best in Village living. Gracious entry hall leading to the spacious living room, formal dining room and family room with hardwood floors and beautiful built-ins. New professional kitchen, den, mudroom and powder room. Four airy bedrooms on the second level including a master suite. Lower level game room and custom study/correl plus storage. A beautiful patio and meticulous landscaping rounds out the pleasure of this home.</p> <p>Kathe Barge 412-741-2200 \$650,000</p>
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SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

IN THE NEWS

Volume up 32 percent at Howard Hanna

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services reports another outstanding month.

September closed with a volume of \$1,773,267,375 representing a 32 percent increase over the same time period last year.

"September numbers were spectacular with consumers are on the move, trading up and seeking new opportunities especially in our market areas," said Howard W. "Hoddy" Hanna, III, CEO of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services.

This figure includes listings as well as written and closed sales volume of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer, Barristers Title Co., the closed mortgage loans of Howard Hanna Mortgage, and Howard Hanna Insurance.

The Fox Chapel Office led the entire company with a collective volume of \$28,456,530; followed by the Sewickley Office, led by Patrick Gray, manager, with \$23,832,450; followed by the Greensburg Office with \$21,311,800.

Company-wide individual leaders for September included



Betty Moraca

ed Betty Moraca, with \$5,717,500, and James Boyd, with \$3,043,500 as listing volume leaders. Both are agents in the Sewickley office.

Moraca also ranked among the listing unit leaders with seven.

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FUND-RAISER

Hanna hosts Chow Chow luncheons

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services kicked off its 2005 fund-raising campaign for the Children's Hospital Free Care Fund.

Each year, all Howard Hanna Offices band together to raise money for the Children's Free Care Fund by holding holiday "Chow Chow" luncheons at their offices and inviting clients, neighbors, family, friends, surrounding businesses, news people and sports celebrities to attend.

The price of the luncheon is only a \$5 donation per person.

Howard Hanna also holds a new car raffle, and this year's vehicle is a sporty 2006 Hummer H3.

Raffle tickets are only \$5 or three for \$10 with all proceeds going to the Free Care Fund.

Raffle tickets are available at all Howard Hanna Offices and at their Chow Chow luncheons.

The kickoff was held at



Children's Hospital with Rodger Oxendale, Children's CEO, welcoming the group.

He thanked Howard Hanna for its tremendous annual campaign efforts on behalf of the hospital and on behalf of all the children and families Children's serves, stressing how very important it is to continue reminding the Pittsburgh community what a great asset this area has in Children's Hospital.

Howard W. "Hoddy" Hanna, III, thanked his associates in

attendance and said, "We, as a company, have come so far in our outstanding fund-raising efforts for Children's Hospital. I could not be more proud of our agents, managers and staff."

"Last year, our goal was to raise \$550,000 and we surpassed that by \$41,000, raising \$591,000 for the Free Care Fund."

"The first year I was involved with the Old Newsboys in raising money for Children's, our company raised \$3,500. We have come a long way since then — and I know that this year, with everyone's commitment and participation, we will once again, surpass our goal — all for the care of children."

Howard Hanna's Chow Chow luncheon schedule will be published in the Herald beginning in mid-November.

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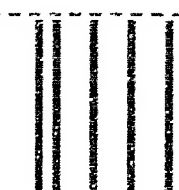
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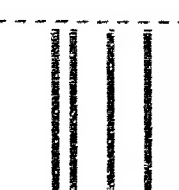
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